

My Ocean Science Journal

Grades 9 - 12

Weekly Writing Prompt #8

Ocean Literacy Principle #6

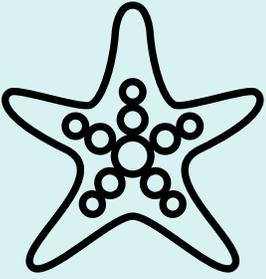
The ocean and humans are inextricably interconnected.



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Background Info

Much of the world's population lives in coastal areas. Coastal regions are susceptible to natural hazards (tsunamis, hurricanes, cyclones, sea level change, and storm surges).



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Although the coast accounts for less than 10% of our country's land mass, about 40% of the U.S. population lives in coastal areas (<https://coast.noaa.gov/states/fast-facts/economics-and-demographics.html>). Why do you think so many people live along the coast? What are some positive and negative aspects of living in these regions?